

# With Ruben Benton Pitching Against Red Faber, Giants Are Expected to Even Series With Chicago To-day

## BLAME FOR DEFEAT GOES TO ROBERTSON

Some Giants Declare He Should Have Caught Gandil's Blow in the Seventh.

## LOCALS ARE FAVORITES

Expected to Even Series To-day—Benton Is Likely to Oppose Faber.

By DANIEL.

Those who have been blaming Harry Bates and John McGraw for the eleventh hour overthrow of the Giants in Chicago on Saturday will have to revise their "gout" list. With the return of the New York players to this city last night it developed that the blame, as they see it, rests with Robertson—the very Davey who made three more hits off Clete and was the hitting hero of the Giants.

Some of the players declared that Chick Gandil's fly which went for a two base hit in the seventh inning should have been caught easily by Robertson. If Gandil's fly had been caught in no runs would have been scored, the tally would not have been tied in that inning and the game would have had an entirely different complexion. To those up in the press stand it looked as if Gandil's offering was a pretty hard drive, but it is true that Robertson was not very spry in playing the ball. He got started late.

The players were disinclined to talk about the defeat on Sunday morning, but they rose strongly in defense of Salles and McGraw for permitting the pitcher to remain in the box after the Sox had got the game into the seventh. They maintained that Salles retained all his "stuf" despite the cold, and with any kind of a break and that catch by Robertson would have weathered the storm.

So that as it may, the fact remains that this morning once more finds the Giants with their backs to the wall—a rather favorite attitude of theirs lately. However, if they make the White Sox behave this afternoon in the sixth game of the series New York fans will forgive the McGraw legion for their rough treatment on Saturday. Nearly everybody went home playing the poor Sox, only to find out later that it was the Giants who were in need of pitying.

## Hempstead Is Content.

Harry Hempstead, president of the New York club, John K. Tener, president of the National League, and Manager McGraw feel that the Giants will win the championship.

"Riding from Chicago to New York with the Giants, I was more impressed than anything else with their quiet confidence," said Hempstead last night. "Every mother's son of them feels certain he will win to-day's game and bring the series to an end Wednesday. I believe the club will play 50 per cent better ball on the Polo grounds before a friendly crowd. Chicago certainly takes up its team. New York fans will do likewise."

McGraw when asked for a statement on arriving in this city said: "The 'break' went against us Saturday and in some instances my team played subnormal ball. The infield looked careless it should have taken advantage of an error in the face of the Sox. But my team is quiet, confident, and I believe they are better off than Chicago, for the reason that both Benton and Schupp are better than Howard and were forced to use all his available fingers before my team's batting onslaught Saturday."

When the rubber game takes place each again at the Polo grounds to-day it is more than likely that Ruben Benton, the southpaw who made the Sox roll over and jump through a hoop in the face of the Sox, will be on the hill for New York. Faber, right hander, who was beaten by Benton and who finished the last two innings of Saturday's game in splendid style, is the most probable selection for Chicago.

## Relentless Plungers All.

The advantage to-day seems to rest with the Giants, and last night they were quoted as favoring a 5 to 4 for this afternoon's game. However, despite the fact that the seventh game of the series will be staged at the Polo grounds tomorrow, the White Sox stood favorites at 5 to 2 for the series.

As they pitched Saturday, the Sox are great fighters. Their defeat must not be taken for granted until their last chance at bat is gone. Chicago writers who have followed the Sox all around the circuit declared that they are the hardest bunch to beat when things appear darkest for them. It was this great power to rally in the face of odds that won for them their league pennant. They are not capable of consistently good baseball. They do not approach the old-time Chicago team in the way of hitting, sustained drive and steadiness, but they are a lot of relentless plungers.

The old White Sox—the hitless wonders—often were accused of a lack of backbone. Much as we hate to give the enemy aid in the form of a tribute we must confess that the Sox are a hard line regime are fighters from the word go. And they will take a lot of beating. On the other hand, the Sox themselves last night seemed to have a new life. They got the kind of pitching Benton gave them last Wednesday and back it up with their real hitting power it will take a wonderful club to stop them. The Sox are open in their admiration for Benton. They say he is New York's strongest pitcher by far. With Benton in possession of his control to-day there is every reason to believe that tonight once more will find New York on even terms with Chicago.

## Holke's Jaw Swollen.

The Giants reached this city shortly before 6 o'clock last night and an hour later the White Sox also rolled into Grand Central Terminal. Among the Giants there was a lot of talk about the swollen jaw of Walter Holke. Holke had a swollen jaw as the result of the foul tip that knocked him unconscious in the seventh inning on Saturday. He will play today. McCarty's shoulder still was bad, but he may be used as a pinch hitter.

The Giants kept the charges of the Sox that they were using rough tactics at second base. In reply the giants declared that the Sox were sliding into first when there was no chance of making the bag. "This is baseball, not tiddlywinks," said Herzog, who despite his injured spine has been taking all kinds of long chances in the series. In the first Chicago game, fresh from his long enforced rest, Herzog surprised everybody by making a "flying tackle" to an attempt to catch a runner at second. Herzog plays a vicious game of baseball and charges of unfair tactics against him are unfair.

## Starring in World's Series



WALTER HOLKE

Whose holding has been superb and hitting far above expectations.

## Hope of Giants Rests on Benton's Shoulders

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

The only certain thing about the future of the 1917 world's series is that both will be played in this city, and that the White Sox will have two chances to win against one for the Giants. The series has been one of such crazy reversals of form that it almost is folly to predict from one moment to another, let alone from day to day. No team ever appeared so hopelessly beaten, so disgracefully beaten, as were the Sox on Saturday, yet they rose in their night and slunked their way to victory and the lead, the series.

The Giants came from behind once and tied the series after Chicago appeared to have a lead which was well nigh impregnable. If Benton can come through the way he did last Thursday on the Polo grounds New York can do it again.

However, it is unlikely that Benton can pitch another good game. He pitched last week. It would be asking too much. Benton is no Mathewson, and the best that can be expected from the rubber game is that he will pitch a fairly reasonable game. Last Thursday he was at the very top of his form and pitched perhaps the greatest game of his career.

## Sox Hitters on Rampage.

The Chicago sluggers found themselves late Saturday afternoon when everything looked blackest to them. The effects of that drive will likely be felt in the next game to-day. Jackson and Selch were normally too good hitters to be held in subjection for a continued period of time. They were bound to break out if the series lasted long enough, and having started they now are likely to remain on a rampage.

Urban Faber, who already has taken three cracks at the Giants, will try to win his third game of the series to-day. While New York goes to him pretty lively at the end of Friday's game, on the whole his pitching has been pretty good. He has permitted five runs in eighteen innings, an average of two and a half runs a game. The Giants prefer to bat against Clete than against Faber.

If Benton can defeat Faber again to-day it will be up to Schupp to defeat Clete on Tuesday. That would be a game for blood and would be worth going miles to see. After seeing Saturday's game slip away from the Giants it looks as though Selch was hoisted their big chance. Had they won on Saturday they likely would have won the series in four straight games, which, after losing the first two, would have given them a standing in baseball never reached by any other club.

The odd condition by which the rival teams have won all their home games is something in New York's favor. But this is a poor series for precedent or for expecting a team or a player to do the same thing twice.

Chicago and Robertson cannot be spoken of too highly. Clete has been a heroic figure in this series and his value to the Chicago club has never been properly appreciated in New York. Clete may no longer be bat of the National League, but he has been the greatest world's series infielder yet developed, with no close rivals.

## Clete a Mark for Robertson.

Eddie fell down in his hitting against the Braves in 1914, but he is the only series in which he has not flashed his jewel. His coolness and steadiness in the seventh inning on Saturday kept the Sox from hitting him. Never did Collins appear to better advantage. They were pitching better superior to that of the National League, but they had better not tell it to Davey Robertson. Now it is advisable to tell Davey that Clete has more than any other pitcher in baseball.

Robertson's idea of a baseball pitcher is a league in which all the pitchers shine both as batters and as pitchers. He is easy to roll off a log, but Davey thinks hitting Clete is still easier. During

## COLLINS GREATEST OF SERIES PLAYERS

Captain of White Sox Has Batted .366 in 25 Games—Played 20 Without Error.

## LEADS IN BASE RUNNING

Eddie Collins today goes into his twenty-sixth game of these annual baseball championships, a mark which no other player has reached in the history of these struggles between the National and American League champions and he is living up to past reputation in all departments of play. Usually a player's averages shrink the longer he remains in play, but with Collins it appears that his level is higher than most players reach in a single series.

Collins played his twenty-fifth world's series game Saturday, thereby reaching the figure that Jack Barry alone had touched. The present manager of the Red Sox would have gone beyond this mark last year but for an injured hand, which kept him from taking part in the series, and he played twenty-five games up to 1914, twenty with the Athletics and three with the Sox. The number of games in which a player takes part is mentioned simply to show how consistent he has been, and Collins has been the most consistent of all.

## Collins May Excel Baker.

Frank Baker, while a member of the Athletics, probably hit more games of world's series hitters, and he went through twenty games with thirty-one hits for a batting average of .368. Collins has hit twenty-two in twenty games, which is a batting average of .350, which is almost even feet better than Baker's hit record.

The sixteen pound shotput, the first event to be contested, resulted in an easy victory for McDonald. In the third place went to J. Conaway, which was almost seven feet better than McDonald's throw of 47 feet 6 inches, which took second place. The sixteen pound hammer, resulted in a victory for Ryan. Ryan hurled the hammer 178 feet 6 inches, which bested McDonald's throw of 169 feet 6 inches. McDonald was the only other contestant, who finished with a throw of 157 feet 6 inches.

Conway was finished second, Ryan, captured third place in both the 56 and 148 pound events and fourth place in the 16 pound shotput. Pat McGraw was hitting .500 when he was hit by the only other contestant, who finished third in the 16 pound event and fourth in the other two events. McGraw's failure to make a perfect throw in his two favorite events was a great disappointment to the 3,000 spectators.

## Lankso Takes Two Mile Run.

The two mile handiicap run, the feature of the track events, resulted in an easy victory for O. Lankso of the Kaleva A. C. Lankso, with the aid of 45 yards, went to the front at the mile mark and never was headed thereafter. Sid Jackson, who had been leading the race, was allowed 40 yards, finished second, about 15 yards behind the victor. Lankso's time for the distance was 10 minutes 15 seconds.

Jack R. Sellers of the New York A. C. had little to spare in winning the 1,000 yard scratch run. Sellers beat G. E. Butler of the Jersey Harriers by a margin of 10 seconds. The race was a close one, with Sellers leading the race in the half mile run. In this event M. Weiss of the Hungarian American A. C. beat E. Richardson, winner of the 1,000 yard race, by a margin of 10 seconds.

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## MCDONALD BEST AT WEIGHT THROWING

Giant Polleeman Scores 13 Points in Special Events in Celtic Games.

## MCGRATH DISAPPOINTS

Pat McDonald of the New York A. C. world's champion at putting the sixteen pound shot, yesterday defeated Matt McGrath, his teammate, and Pat Ryan of the Irish American A. C. in a special all around weight throwing contest at Celtic Park, which featured the first annual athletic meet of the Irish Federation of the United States.

McGrath, who on last Friday smashed a world's record with the fifty-six pound weight and who was considered McDonald's chief rival for the honors, yesterday failed to score a point. McGrath did not compete in the sixteen pound shotput, but in the other two events, the sixteen pound hammer and the fifty-six pound weight, he threw all of McGrath's trials resulted in fouls. Not once in these events did McGrath make a perfect throw. As a result it was a battle between McDonald and Ryan for the honors.

McDonald's score for the three events was thirteen points, while Ryan's best efforts netted him eleven points for second place. Third place went to J. Conaway of the Irish American A. C., with a tally of six. Pat O'Connor, unattached, was next in line with five.

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Burns, J.	18	2	5	0	0	3	6	0	1	278	8	0	1,000		
Herzog, J.	20	1	4	0	0	0	4	1	0	200	10	7	2,885		
Kauff, J.	21	2	4	1	0	2	0	1	0	190	5	0	1,000		
Zimmerman, J.	21	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	143	8	12	1	857	
Fletcher, J.	21	2	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	190	8	15	3	875	
Robertson, J.	19	3	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	252	6	1	0	1,000	
Holke, W.	17	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	284	54	0	1	981	
McCarthy, J.	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	7	1	1	889	
Rariden, J.	10	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	18	9	1	000	
Salles, J.	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	1	0	1	000	
Schupp, J.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	1	0	1	000	
Anderson, J.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	
Perritt, J.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	1	0	1,000	
Tesreau, J.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	
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Benton, J.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1,000
Thorpe, J.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
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